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For: KITS FOR TREATING ENDOLEAKS DURING
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AORTIC ANEURYSMS

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Dear Sir:

This Reply and Amendment is in response to the Office Action (Paper No. 18) mailed October 21, 2003 for the above-noted application and is being filed on or before its now current due date of January 21, 2004. In response to this Office Action, entry of the following amendments is requested.

Response to Office Action
U.S. Serial No. 09/954,789
Attorney Docket No. 554912004910

AMENDMENTS

Amend the title of the application as follows:

Kits ~~Methods~~ for treating endoleaks during endovascular repair of abdominal aortic aneurysms.

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Amend the specification as follows:

At page 1, amend the section entitled “**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**” to read as follows:¹

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/273,120 filed March 19, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,203,779, which ~~application~~ patent is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

¹ The underlining in the title of this section has been removed to avoid confusion with added/deleted subject matter.